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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag,
and to the Republic for which it
stands, one Nation indivisible, with
Liberty and Justice for All."

THE WRONG WAY

The Oregon State Grange, at its recent session, adopted a resolution directing its legislative committee to prepare an initiative measure for submission to the people to abolish the state senate. So far as Columbia county ever having a senator in the senate, it might be just as well for us, so far as the representative goes, but for the state at large we believe the resolution and purpose of the grange is wrong. It is evident that the grange is seeking to break the hold which a comparatively few people have on the legislature of Oregon and which controls the bulk of the legislation at Salem. We fully appreciate what the grange is attempting to do, but we do not think the abolition of the senate will have the desired effect, in fact the abolishment of that body would make matters even worse. The senate is supposed to be, and if its membership was properly made up, would be the balance wheel of the legislature, the body which scrutinizes every proposed law and sees that it contains no joker that would injure the public interest. To make of the senate the useful and valuable legislative body that it should be, the membership of the body should be changed so that each county should have a senator and only one senator. Such a membership would prevent Multnomah county from controlling the legislation, and swapping favors with other counties in order to gain the bulk of favors for Multnomah. Until such a system is in practice, both the legislature and senate will undoubtedly continue to be as it has been in the past, the representative of a single county first and the state at large as a secondary consideration. But then, we of Columbia county should worry. It has been about thirty or forty years since Columbia had a senator, and we should be used to the domination of the peanut politicians of Multnomah by this time.

BE CAREFUL—AVOID FIRES

In another column of this paper is an interesting item as to the property loss in the United States each year caused by fires. The total in money caused by the destruction wrought by the fire fiend is \$200,000,000. This is appalling and is too much. Many of the fires would not have occurred if safety first had been practiced. The dry season is now coming on, and if we wish to spare ourselves and others needless loss, let us be careful about fires. Remember, "a stitch in time saves nine."

The new schedule of mail delivery is far from satisfactory. As it is, the mail comes down on the through Seaside train and is delivered at the postoffice about 10 o'clock. It is not ready for delivery until 10:30 or later. If one receives important mail that should be answered immediately, there is very little chance to catch the 11 o'clock mail. The postmaster here states that the reason for not sending the mail on the early train is that the eastern mail does not arrive in time to make connection. So small a proportion of the mail is from the east that it seems to us a better plan to let the Oregon and California mail come on the first train and then the eastern mail could follow on the through train. In arranging train schedules and mail schedules there was never a time when the convenience of the people of St. Helens was considered, and it will never be given very much consideration as long as we sit idly by and register no protest. The matter is respectfully referred to the commercial club for consideration.

According to data gathered by D. C. Howard, county agricultural agent, there is an increase of 500 per cent in the bean acreage in Columbia county this year, compared with last year. There is also an increase of 25 per cent of potatoes.

AMERICA'S RESPONSE

Only a few days ago, the government officials told the people of the United States that \$2,000,000,000 were needed for war purposes. The people oversubscribed the amount by a billion dollars. Several days later the American Red Cross appealed to the people for \$100,000,000 to be used in the work of mercy. The response was quick and the offerings from the heart. More than the amount asked for has been contributed. Search history and see if you can find a nation that has a heart like America. The best way we can convey our feelings is to quote the language of a laborer employed on the street work. It was only a few days after the Red Cross campaign had started when he came into the office and said: "Well I'm proud of America and am proud to be an American citizen. No matter whether it is Liberty bonds, Red Cross contributions or aid for a fire swept city or flooded district, the people of America are always ready to help their fellow countrymen." This was an honest expression from an honest heart and from a man, though not high up in the world, had a high conception of American citizenship and had done his bit towards maintaining the honor of the Stars and Stripes. It is this same citizenship and patriotism that has given dignity and honor to the Stars and Stripes wherever they wave.

An item from Weston, Oregon, says that place has secured a flour mill. Wonder if it is the one that was coming to St. Helens.

The speed cop is still on the job, and from personal experience we would advise not too much speed—unless he is not near you.

"Columbia county citizens should not take too long a sleep when the state highway commission is figuring on hard surface roads, or else they might wake up to find that some of the other counties have carried home the bacon."

The food bill has passed the house and will probably pass the senate. In fact, the senate cannot afford to turn this measure down, for it is the people's measure. It is for their benefit, instead of allowing the food gambler to grow rich at the common people's expense.

During May the county agent was a busy man. He traveled 240 miles by rail and 486 by auto. Farmers calling at the office numbered 47, and 41 farms were visited by the agent. Two organizations were perfected and 18 public meetings held. When the matter of employing a county agent was first mentioned there was considerable opposition to it, and the agent started his work in the face of opposition. This opposition has, however, been largely overcome because many see the result of the work, and we believe that if the farmers will give a fair show of co-operation, that in the near future all will see where the services of a competent, hard working county agent is most advantageous to the county's agricultural interests.

BE CANNY

Home preparedness—cans loaded with food.

That rubber ring you put on a preserving jar helps you to stretch your income.

The awful question "What shall I have for dinner?" is easily answered if your shelves are full of home canned products.

Can't eat 'em all in summer? Not enough in winter? Home canning is the answer.

You put a lid on waste every time you seal a preserving jar.

Canned berries are bird proof.

Frost doesn't nip canned vegetables.

Canned green peas and yellow peaches help fight the blues.

See that your garden produces dry beans, cabbage, potatoes and root crops that can be kept without canning.

Rev. Taylor will occupy his pulpit for the first time since his vacation. Welcome him home.

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A HOME INDUSTRY

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

A new bank will open for business at Heppner July 1.

Canyon City is planning on building a flouring mill.

Weston has secured a first class flouring mill plant.

A new state bank will be established at Lexington.

A creamery and cheese factory is to be established at Harrisburg.

The old mohair mills at Sellwood will be rebuilt to handle flax products.

In order to fill many orders booked ahead, the paper mills at Lebanon will add an extra shift July 1.

A large concrete waterway is to be built near The Dalles for the Tum Lum Lumber Company.

Sheridan has started hard surfaced good roads paying plans and demand that only the best of pavement be laid, believing it the cheapest in the end.

The Kruse and Banks shipyards at North Bend have bid on five government boats and have hopes of landing the jobs.

As a result of the passage of the road bond bill, Linn county will have thirty-five miles of hard-surfaced road.

Morrow county sheepmen are refusing a standing offer of 55 1/2 cents for their wool crop and are demanding 60 cents.

The Oregon fish and game commission is considering the establishment of a new fish hatchery on Nehalem river.

The North Bend Mill & Lumber Company has let a contract for a large steel refuse burner. Workmen are now preparing the foundation.

R. H. Parsons, of Seattle, owner of the Hillcrest orchards near Medford, has purchased land near the railroad right of way for \$6,000 and will at once erect a \$60,000 cold storage warehouse for the storing of fruit this fall.

Brownsville has ordered plans for establishing grades and surfacing streets, with the idea of improving streets with gravel.

Owing to the heavy demand for excelsior and wood wool the Eugene Excelsior Company has found it necessary to increase the capacity of the factory. A larger water wheel has been purchased and will be installed as soon as the water is a little lower. Six new machines have been added for cutting excelsior. Twelve are now in operation night and day but cannot keep up with the orders.

The output of the entire battery can be handled with the press now in use, as it is only kept busy about two-thirds of the time.

The Black Butte Livestock Company, represented by C. A. Parvin, of Portland, has purchased the well-known W. J. Jamison ranch lying in Lake and Klamath counties, comprising approximately 900 acres, for a consideration of \$90,000. In the deal is included 3,000 head of sheep, 64 head of horses and mules and farm machinery.

All honor to the Columbia county citizens who, by their aid in the Red Cross campaign, increased the amount apportioned to the county by 50 per cent. The campaign workers should be praised for their untiring efforts in the cause of mercy, and the donors for the liberal donations.

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BANK STATEMENT

Report of the condition of The Columbia County Bank, at St. Helens, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business June 29, 1917.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$210,939.74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	203.17
Bonds and warrants	72,627.94
Stocks, securities, judgments, etc.	307.61
Banking house	17,030.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,695.00
Other real estate owned	4,972.37
Due from approved reserve banks	64,988.26
Cash on hand	12,407.17
Total	\$386,171.20

Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,596.73
Postal savings bank deposits	17,440.27
Individual deposits subject to check	187,698.76
Demand certificates of deposit	8,153.64
Cashier checks outstanding	935.43
Certified checks	466.19
Time and savings deposits	108,780.12
Total	\$386,171.20

State of Oregon,
County of Columbia, ss.
I, A. L. Stone, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. L. STONE,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1917.

J. W. DAY,
Notary Public.

My commission expires May 24, 1920.

CORRECT—Attest:
EDWIN ROSS,
MARTIN WHITE,
Directors.

PROCLAMATION

To the Citizens of the City of St. Helens, Oregon:
I, S. C. Morton, Mayor of the above named City, by order of the Common Council of said City, do hereby proclaim and declare, that the shooting of firecrackers, torpedoes, cannon crackers, toy pistols, etc., be and the same are hereby prohibited upon the streets, alleys, parks, docks, or any public place within said City of St. Helens, on and after the 29th day of June, A. D. 1917.

And the Marshal is hereby instructed to enforce this Proclamation. Given under my hand and the seal of said City this 25th day of June, A. D. 1917.

S. C. MORTON,
Mayor of the City of St. Helens,
Oregon.

APPLY FOR YOUR FARM LOAN NOW

TO PROSPECTIVE FARM BORROWERS:

I have received the following letter from the John F. Kaufman Co., whom I represent in Columbia county. The letter should be of interest to every farmer who expects to make a farm loan.

"Recent developments with reference to the war and the offering for sale by our government of unprecedented amounts of bonds, has no doubt caused you to think quite seriously about the possibility of an advance in farm loan rates in the near future. There is and can be no question as to the success of the present and future government bond issues. It is our privilege and patriotic duty to absorb these issues as fast as offered. Patriotic impulses, should not, however, entirely blind us to our own conditions and the effect of that issuance and sale of such enormous quantities of bonds will have on interest rates. It will undoubtedly create a shortage, and a very large one, in funds which would otherwise seek investment in farm loans.

"Money is the only commodity today that is cheap. A substantial rise in interest rates sooner or later is as inevitable as that the sun will rise and set tomorrow."

So it behooves you then to have your arrangements made to take care of your loan on your farm if it is about to mature. I have made arrangements whereby I can take your application now and give you the advantage of the present low rate on our twenty year plan of lending money.

NOW IS THE TIME

for you to finance your farm loan and get it on a long time basis. Our twenty year plan will tide you over any period of high interest rates likely to occur.

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LODGES

The Loyal Order of Moose, St. Helens Lodge No. 1238. Meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. All visitors cordially invited.

HARRY BENNETT, Dictator.
W. W. BLAKESLEY, Sec.

Mizpah Chapter O. E. S. meets in Masonic Hall the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

MRS. LILLA M. CROUSE, W. M.
JOHN PHILIP, Secy.

Tillamook Tribe No. 52, Improved O. R. M., of Yankton, Ore., meets at its wigwam, second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

W. G. BRANNON, C. of R.
EBER BROWN, Sach.

St. Helens Rebekah Lodge, No. 217, meets first and third Thursday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting members always welcome.

MRS. ORA BENNETT, N. G.
MRS. ELIA ALLEN, Sec'y.

Columbia Encampment, No. 77, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Sojourning Patriarchs most cordially invited to meet with us.

HARRY BENNETT, C. P.
C. W. BLAKESLEY, Scribe.

St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. building, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, visiting members are always given a hearty welcome.

E. ADIN ROSS, Noble Grand.
CHAS. W. BLAKESLEY, Sec.

Avon Lodge No. 62 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening in Castle Hall, St. Helens. Visiting Knights always welcome.

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REESE R. HALL, K. of R. & S.

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Scappoose	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens	11:50	6:50

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